

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-19 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) Device to form stacks of objects (9, 9a) ~~with~~, the device comprising:

~~1.1~~ a compartment device (1) with a plurality of compartments (5) moved along the path that each receive an object (9, 9a) ~~whereby~~,

~~1.2~~ wherein the path ~~of movement~~ is perpendicular to the compartment device arrangement,

~~1.3~~ a transfer device (20) to withdraw an individual object (9a) from a an occupied one of the compartments (5) and to insert the object (9a) into an empty one of the compartments (5) of the plurality of compartments series, and ~~with~~

~~1.4~~ an ejection device (14) to eject a series of objects (9, 9a) forming a stack.

2. (Currently amended) Device according to claim 1, ~~whereby~~ wherein the transfer device (20) is designed so that it inserts the object (9a) into another compartment (5) of the ~~series~~ plurality of compartments.

3. (Currently amended) Device according to claim 1, ~~or 2, whereby~~ wherein the transfer device (20) ~~is designed so that it~~ moves the object (9a) without changing its orientation.

4. (Currently amended) Device according to claim 1, wherein ~~one of the prior claims, whereby~~ the compartment device (1) is designed so that it moves the compartments (5) along a path having two at least approximately parallel sections, whereby the movement in these two sections runs

in opposite directions.

5. (Currently amended) Device according to ~~one of the prior claims, whereby~~ claim 1, wherein the compartments (5) of the compartment device are moved along a closed path with two parallel sides (2a, 2b).

6. (Currently amended) Device according to claim 5, ~~whereby~~ wherein the compartments (5) are on a revolving chain (2), ~~belt, etc.~~

7. (Currently amended) Device according to claim 1, further comprising ~~one of the prior claims with~~ a supply device (8) that inserts the objects (9, 9a) sequentially into the compartments (5) of the compartment device.

8. (Currently amended) Device according to claim 1, further comprising ~~one of the prior claims with~~ a device to generate an apparent stoppage of the compartment device (1) at the site of the ejection device (14).

9. (Currently amended) Device according to claim 1, wherein ~~one of the prior claims, whereby~~ the transfer device (20) has a servodrive (26) to provide movement in two directions.

10. (Currently amended) Device according to claim 1, wherein ~~one of the prior claims, whereby~~ the transfer device is designed to transfer a plurality of individual objects (9a) out of and into non-neighboring compartments (5).

11. (Currently amended) Method to form stacks of objects (9, 9a), the method comprising: ~~with the following procedural steps-~~

11.1—locating the objects (9, 9a) ~~are located~~ next to

each other in compartments (5) within a compartment arrangement,

~~11.2—moving~~ the compartments ~~are—moved~~ with the objects (9, 9a) along a path perpendicular to the compartment arrangement,

~~11.3—removing~~ a single object (9a) ~~is—removed~~ from a series of adjacent objects (9, 9a), and

~~11.4—wherein~~ the object is inserted into an empty compartment (5), and

~~11.5—wherein~~ a series of objects (9, 9a) now forming a stack is ejected together out of the compartments (5).

12. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 11, ~~whereby the~~ wherein an individual object (9a) is inserted into a different compartment (5) of the compartment series than the compartment (5) from which it was removed.

13. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 11, ~~or 12, whereby~~ wherein the object (9a) does not change its orientation while it is being removed from one compartment (5) and inserted into another compartment (5).

14. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 11, ~~one of claims 11 to 13, whereby~~ wherein the compartments (5) are moved along a path having two at least approximately parallel sections, whereby the movement in these two sections run in the opposite direction.

15. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 11, ~~one of claims 11 to 14, whereby~~ wherein the compartments (5) are moved along a closed path with two parallel sides (2a, 2b).

16. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 11,

~~one of claims 11 to 15, whereby~~ wherein the compartments (5) are moved with the aid of a revolving chain (2), a belt, etc.

17. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 11, wherein ~~one of claims 11 to 16, whereby~~ the objects (9, 9a) are inserted sequentially into the compartments (5).

18. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 11, one of claims 11 to 17, whereby the movement of the series of compartments (5) is brought to an apparent standstill while the objects (9, 9a) are being ejected from the compartments (5).

19. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 11, wherein ~~one of claims 11 to 18, whereby~~ a plurality of individual objects (9a) are simultaneously removed from compartments (5) and simultaneously inserted into compartments (5).